

Necessity of Trenches

Give it to me, give it to me... take some rest.
We have been commanded to make use of the means placed at our disposal.

The Shariah commands us to do so, and negligence in making use of the means available to us is negligence in fulfilling a wajib [obligatory duty].

And each of these has its importance commensurate to the results of adopting it

Above all, when one recalls that the Prophet [peace be upon him]

-the most honourable of creation, whose protection Allah [swt] had guaranteed-

participated with the Companions [may Allah be pleased with them] in digging the trench

carrying on his shoulders soil, his hair and chest all covered in dust, may peace be upon him

and the Companions proclaiming aloud that we are the ones who have vowed to perform Jihad with Muhammad [pbuh] until our last breath ...[when you take this into account]...then, we should be the first ones to live up to the example of the Prophet [pbuh] by making use of the means available to us generally, and specifically with regards to the digging of trenches.

So we request all brothers to pay due importance to this matter and exert their efforts in this, each according to his ability. May Allah reward you greatly.

One must not think...well, what do I get from this trench?

I'll just be sitting in this house or markaz for a month or two and then I am going to leave it.

The Prophet [pbuh] and his Companions benefitted from their trench just for a single month.

"And Allah turned back the disbelievers in their rage; they did not obtain any advantage, and Allah sufficed the believers in fighting."

An airstrike takes even less than a second.

It doesn't need a month or two!



With the effort that you and your brothers are going to put into digging a trench, you are likely to benefit from it for just a single day or even less.

But because of obeying the command of Allah [swt] in making best use of the means available at your disposal, and by following the example of your Prophet [pbuh], you and your brothers will be protected.

Moreover, you will not be held accountable in front of Allah for not fulfilling your duty.

Our goal, our aspiration, the fruit of our efforts is reward in the Akhirah.

So if we were to dig a trench, but not benefit from it, it wouldn't matter...

What matters is that we digged it and the effort that was apparently wasted will be reaped as reward with Allah [swt].

So the brothers must put their best into this.

We ask Allah that He protects all the Mujahideen.

This is it, Zubair! This is all I had to say.

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